GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4410
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2001
INFERIOR QUALITY OF PRESERVATIVES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacturers produce inferior quality of preservatives and they are also used in excess quantity by the users particularly for preserving bread, fruits, vegetables etc.;

(b) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards keeps a check on the manufacturers as well as users;

(c) if so, the number of times the manufacturers of the chemicals and users were checked during each of the last three years and the result thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against guilty persons?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)&(b): The manufacture & sale of preservatives are under the Compulsory Certification Scheme of the Bureau of Indian Standards. The Bureau of Indian Standard check the quality of these preservatives during manufacturing as well as in the market.

The classification of preservatives of foods, their use in different foods and maximum limit of use are specified under P F A Rules 1955. The manufacturers are required to follow these rules. Violation of these rules attract penal provisions under PFA Act 1954.

(c)&(d): The Bureau of Indian Standards has informed that they inspect the manufacturing premises in routine and make surprise visits to verify that the manufacturers are implementing the scheme of testing and inspection and testing the product as per the guidelines for licensing under the Bureau of Indian Standards Certification Mark Scheme.

The data regarding number of visits, samples drawn and samples found failed and action taken by the Bureau of Indian Standards for last three years is at Annex I.

ANNEXURE-I

Data regarding number of visits, samples drawn and Samples found failing

IS No.	No of licences	No. of visits	Samples drawn failed	Samples
4447	1	6	10	2+
4448	1	6	No Production Since May, 1998	
4751	1	8	7 (One Test Report awaited)	Nil
4752	3#	16	20 (Three Test Reports awaited)	One #
5191	1	6	6 (Two Test Report awaited)	Nil
4753	Nil	-		-
4818	Nil	-		-
5057	Nil	-	-	-
6030	Nil	-	-	-
6031	4	25	38	2@

+ The firm was advised to stop using ISI mark and take corrective action for rectification of the discrepancies. After verification of the corrective

action the firm was permitted to resume marking.

Firm had taken corrective action. One licensee had not initiated marking.

@ The failure has been communicated to the firm for investigating the failure and taking corrective actions. Corrective actions to be verified.